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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 30 and 32-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 30, line 4 the terms “displaceable” and “deformable” are not structurally equivalent terms and it is not clear as to what structure applicant is attempting to claim with those functional terms that have different meanings. In claim 32, last line it is not clear as to what structure forms the non-slip manner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 19, 30 and 32-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Croxall (US 2,734,193).

Croxall discloses a brassiere comprising two breast cups 12 wherein each cup includes one strip of stretchable material 31' comprising a loosely located inner strip 20 which is attached to one end to an upper part at 27 of the cup and attached at a lower end to said cup at 22 wherein said strip is adjustable in length at 31' and is adapted to

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support at least one breast wherein each strip is diagonally mounted on said cup (from 34 to 21) extending from an upper attachment end 31' to said lower attachment end at 22 and configured to pull the breast upwardly and inwardly towards the cleavage in use. (See col. 1, line 39 to col. 2, line 25 and figure 1).

In regard to claims 30 and 32-37 Croxall discloses a breast support apparatus coupled to each cup and displaceable relative to the cup. A piece of stretchable material 31' and loosely located on the inner strip 20 attached to one end to the upper part at 27 of the cup and to an opposite lower end of the cup at 22. The piece is stretchable and adjustable (31') along its length relative to the breast cup and supports the breast as claimed as discussed above. The stretchable material 31' is formed in a sling and hold the breast as claimed. The sling is shaped inward to have curved ends and oppositely curved edges. The piece of stretchable material 31' is diagonally mounted or inclined on the cup and extends to the lower cup location which is adjacent to the cup bottom edge as claimed. (See col. 1, line 39 to col. 2, line 25 and figure 1).

Election/Restriction

Applicant's election with traverse of claims 1, 11-18, 20-22 and 24-29 in the reply filed on 3-25-10 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that the invention is related to a single invention named "clothing". This is not found persuasive because "clothing" is included in multiple classifications of class 2 and also class 450. AS indicated in the election/restriction applicant's application includes multiple embodiments that form different items of clothing that are classified in different classes.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claims 1,11-18, 20-22 and 24-29 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to two nonelected inventions, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. This application contains claims 1,11-18, 20-22 and 24-29 drawn to two invention's nonelected with traverse in the reply filed on 3-25-10. A complete reply to the final rejection must include cancellation of nonelected claims or other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144) See MPEP § 821.01.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gloria Hale whose telephone number is 571-272-4984. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thurs.,...

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Welch can be reached on 571-272-4996. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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